

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are currently pending in the application. Claims 18-20 are canceled and claim 11 is amended to correct a minor grammatical error.

By this response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. Applicants further elect Species I, with traverse. Claims 1-5, 12-14 and 16 are directed to Species I, Figure 1. Claims 1 and 12 are generic claims. If the traverse is unsuccessful, upon allowance of any generic claim, Applicants request the rejoinder of the non-elected claims as being proper.

Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter of claims 1-17 is sufficiently related that a thorough search of the subject matter of any one group would necessarily encompass a search of the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the search and examination of the claims 1-17 could be made without serious burden.

By way of example, in searching the subject matter of claim 1, the Examiner would necessary search for a sleeve packaging system having two walls. Similarly, in searching the subject matter of Figure 3, the Examiner would also have to search for a sleeve packaging system having two walls, in addition to a third wall. Also, by searching the non-elected claims, the Examiner would have to search for two walled packaging sleeves, in accordance with Figure 1 of the elected Species.

This being the case, it is readily apparent that a search of Species I would encompass a search of the non-elected species of Species II such that no serious burden would be imposed on the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the election of species requirement and provide an examination of all claims 1-17.

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Examination on the merits is now requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew M. Calderon', with a horizontal line drawn through the signature.

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